



MONTEREY NEWS

JANUARY 1990



TOWN NEWS

Monterey will return to a holiday tradition that was abandoned a few years ago. The Board of Selectmen have announced that the townsfolk will again be able to bring their Christmas trees to an annual tree burning event at Greene Park. Fire chief Ray Tryon approved the idea and advised that people may begin bringing their trees at 4 p.m. Saturday, January 6, and the bonfire will begin at 5 p.m.

The Board of Selectmen have had several meetings over the past month with the Solid Waste Committee regarding the advent of Monterey's recycling program (actually, Monterey was recycling in the early '70s but eventually the waste disposal companies refused to take the items). The recycling dumpster is in place at the dump and area carpenters were invited to the site on Friday, December 16, to give price estimates on building a ramp which would provide optimum access to the dumpster. The specifications for the ramp may be obtained from the Selectmen, and estimates are due January 2.

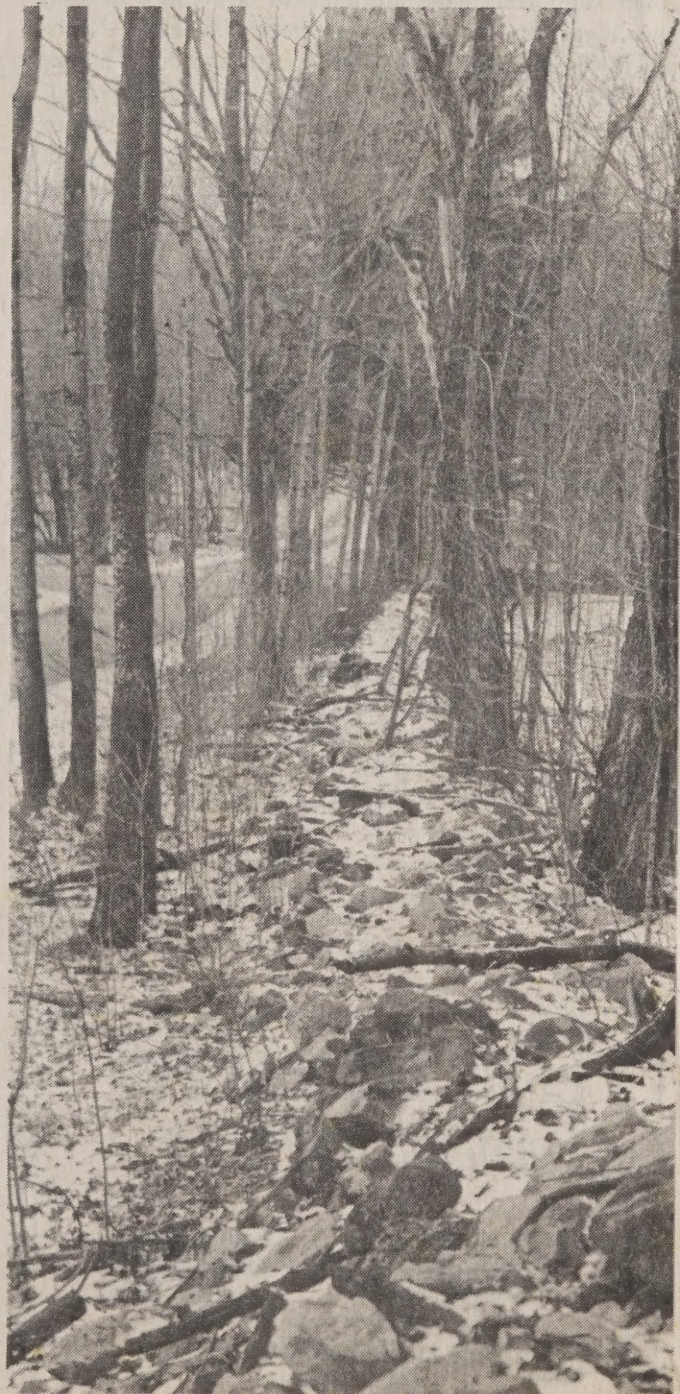
The Board did not receive any bids for the concrete handicap access ramp to the basement of the Town Hall. They are now in the process of soliciting bids from building professionals in the area. The opening of the bids is scheduled for January 22 at 8 p.m.

Lake Garfield resident Stuart Edelstein was denied a building permit to expand his cottage by adding a bedroom. James McElroy, an attorney representing Mr. Edelstein, met with the Selectmen and was advised that this would constitute a two-bedroom cottage, and the septic system cannot be enlarged to accommodate two bedrooms.

Veteran Conservation Commission member Bonner McAllester has resigned after serving the Town of Monterey for six years. The Selectmen have appointed John Piretti to replace her. Mr. Piretti wrote the Selectmen several months ago expressing an interest in a position on the Conservation Commission. Other new assignments include: Jan Aerie, appointed to the Council on Aging; Richard E. Nault, appointed as Monterey's representative on the Konkapot River Advisory Committee; and Leroy Thorpe, appointed to the Roads and Machinery Committee for a term expiring June 30, 1990.

Democratic Committee News

The Town of Monterey Democratic Committee underwent a reorganization upon the resignation of Catherine Mielke, who was Chairwoman. Matt Williams (Selectman, Monterey) left his position of Vice-Chairman to become



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Chairman of the Committee. Georgiana O'Connell (Select-woman, Monterey) former Secretary of the Democratic Committee, was voted to Vice-Chairwoman, and John Higgins (Library Committee) ran for Secretary and won. Cynthia Weber remains the Treasurer and incumbent Jed Lipsky retains the position of Affirmative Action Officer. The new Town Democratic Committee members are as follows: Barbara Swann, Rita and Gareth Backhaus, Wayne Burkhart, and Grace Burke. The next meeting of the Democratic Committee will be for a state-wide caucus on February 3, at 2 p.m. at the Monterey Firehouse.

Skating Scoop

The skating rink behind the Monterey Firehouse is fabulous and ready for skaters. The Park Commission and their supporters have put a lot of effort into making the rink bigger and better than last year. Thanks to the ingenuity of local craftsmen Winston Wilson and Jim Thomas of the Park Commission, a "Zamboni" has been created. This means that the ice is smoother than last year. Volunteers are still needed to serve as monitors; please contact a Park Commission member if you can help.

Co-chairmen Jim Thomas and Jed Lipsky are excited and full of ideas for the upcoming Monterey Winter Carnival. As mentioned in last month's Park Commission News there are plans for everything from skate races and cookouts to a mixed ability hockey tourney. It sounds like fun, and with your support it will be. Banish those winter blues and help create the first Monterey Winter Carnival. Contact the following Park Commission Members: Tom Rosenthal, 528-9380; Fran Amidon, 528-1233; Jim Thomas, 528-0542.

How about a skating rink schedule for folks to clip and put on their bulletin board or refrigerator:

- Mon.-Fri.: After school from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Mon.-Fri.: Adult hockey Monday, Wednesday, Friday, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Sat.: Family hockey and general "stick time" 9 a.m.-11 a.m.
- Family skating 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and 7 p.m.-9 p.m.
- Sun.: Kids' hockey clinic 9 a.m.-11 a.m.
- Family skating 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

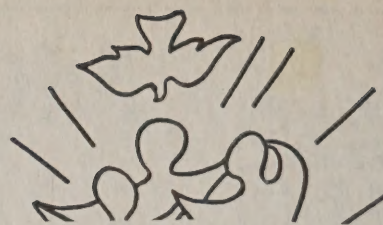
— Maggie Leonard

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CHURCH NEWS

1990! Not only a new year, but a new decade as well. In fact, the last decade of the twentieth century. If all the earth-shattering events of 1989 are any indication of what is to come, then 1990 will certainly be a lively year, to say the least.

Each year brings with it many changes — changes we rarely even anticipate as January begins. And not only on a global level, but on a personal level, as well. Howard Thurman, in *Meditations of the Heart*, provides a clear perspective:

This is a New Year. The calendar says so... It may mark the end of relationships of many years' accumulation. It may mean the first encounter with stark tragedy or radical illness or the first quaffing of the cup of bitterness.

It may mean the great discovery of the riches of another human heart and the revelation of the secret beauty of one's own. It may mean the beginning of a new kind of living because of marriage, of graduation, of one's first job.

It may mean an encounter with God on the lonely road or the hearing of one's name called by Him, high above the noise and din of the surrounding traffic. And when the call is answered, the life becomes invaded by smiling energies never before released, felt or experienced.

In whatever sense this year is a New Year for you, may the moment find you eager and unafraid, ready to take it by the hand with joy and with gratitude.

— Cliff Aerie

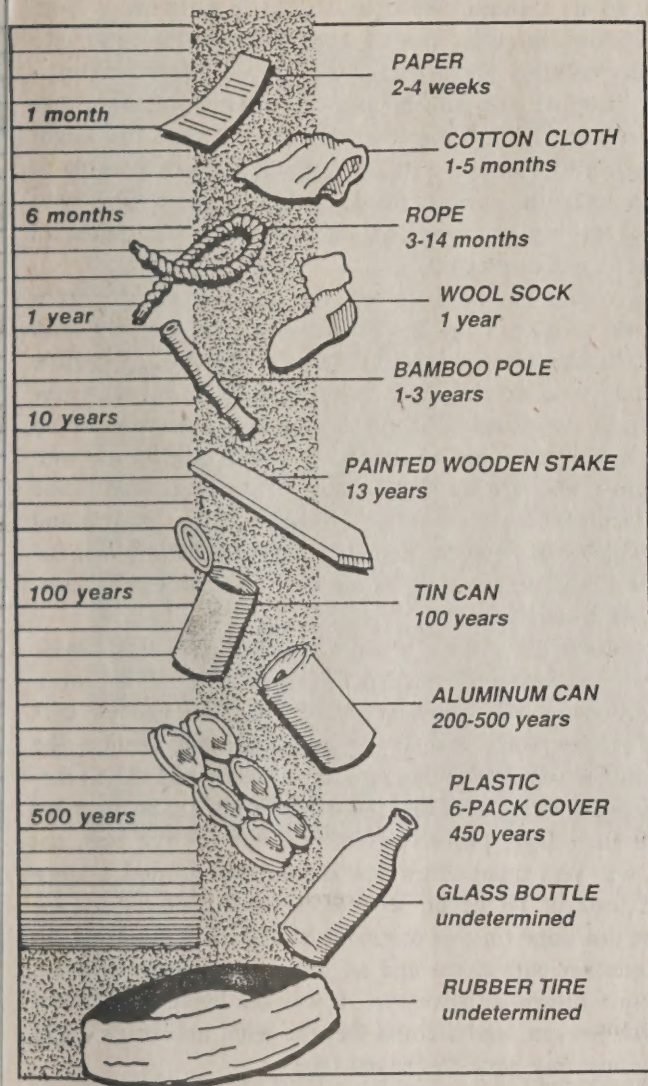
CHURCH NOTES

During January Cliff will be traveling to India, Pakistan and Turkey with the Simon's Rock of Bard College Jazz Ensemble. In his absence church members will be leading worship and sharing their faith journeys... The GOOD NEWS GANG and KID'S CLUB THEATRE are joining forces. For six weeks, beginning on Friday, January 5, Kid's Club Theatre will work with the children of our town to create their own original production. All children (kindergarten through eighth grade) are invited to take part. The time is 5:30 p.m. — bring a sandwich and be prepared for a great time. Any questions, just call Nicky Heaton or Jason Brown (528-5614).

CHURCH CALENDAR

- January 2 — 7:00 a.m., Prayer Breakfast (Alice Howell's).
- January 10 — 6:30 p.m., Community Supper (church social room).
- January 11 — 7:30 a.m., Friends of Silence (Alice Howell's).

How Long Does It Take Our Garbage To Decompose?



Adapted from Washington State Department of Ecology "A-Way With Waste" program.

Compiled by Alice Howell's daughter, Jennifer Howell

MONTEREY WASTELINES

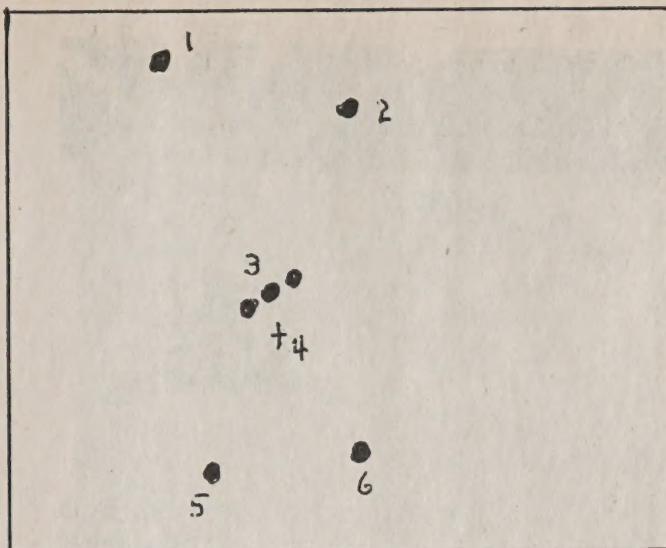
R-Day Is January 17

The big recycling roll-off container is in place at the Monterey Disposal Area, ready to be unlocked and used on January 17.

Meanwhile, we will be passing out blue take-home recycling boxes right away at the Disposal Area. A selectman, Solid Waste Committee member or other volunteer will be on hand during some of the next several weeks to share information and to issue a box to each permit holder.

The regional solid waste district has arranged for a Recycling Hotline to operate starting January 16. This service will continue at least until mid-May, and you can call for answers to specific or general questions about our recycling program. The hotline number is 1-800-362-4400. It will be staffed by personnel of the Center for Ecological Technology (CET) in Pittsfield from 9:00 to 5:00 weekdays, with answering service all other times. Feel free to call them at any time.

— Wayne Burkhart 3



ORION: 1, Betelgeuse; 2, Bellatrix; 3, the Belt; 4, Orion Nebula; 5, "K"; 6, Rigel

THE NIGHT SKIES

Jupiter, our dominant planet in the east, will have a rendezvous with the moon on January 9, just the day before the latter is full. Venus will be the glittering big presence, increasingly low in the west and finally out of sight by about January 12. A show of planets will be in preparation this month and by the 29th Venus will be with us again as the bright morning star, with Saturn, Mercury, and Mars off to the right, in that order.

You can see new worlds in the making in our great winter constellation, Orion. On a clear winter's night there is a little smudge of light just below the three stars in a row that make up Orion's Belt. This is the famous Orion Nebula, an immense cloud of gas and cosmic dust. Heavenly bodies form from this material as it swirls and condenses. From this substance, and the heat it generates, comes life itself. Who knows how many forms it takes on how many planets in how many solar systems?

— David P. McAllester

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SOLSTICE PONY

This time of year our chickens don't come out much. They stay in their shed in a slowed-down winter mode, eating, drinking and sleeping and not much else. Once in a while the rooster is moved to crow. He hops up onto a window ledge and lets fly his glorious song. When I hear it I always imagine this is maintenance. He is using his voice once every two weeks or so just to make sure it doesn't seize up completely. He's looking ahead to warmer, lighter times when music is the order of the day, many times a day.

The hens perk up a bit when we take treats from the kitchen out to their frozen world. Winter squash seeds especially make them sit up and take notice. Sometimes when there is a glop of seeds stuck together with squash fibers one hen will grab it and go tearing around the little shed with a few others in pursuit. These little chase scenes, when they happen in December and it's 0 degrees F. in the chicken house, strike me as maintenance chases, like the rooster's winter crowing. In whatever ways are open to us, we all try to keep in shape, keep our spirit alive during the dark, cold time.

For people this dark time can be one of depression, both financial and spiritual. Most people don't get outside much and some suffer from a lack of sunlight which makes them depressed. At our house we get an unusual wallop of big bills in December, just at a time when we would like to be expansive. Like a lot of people, we focus on Christmas and New Year's to cheer ourselves up. We party as much as we can, sing more than at any other time of the year, point out the beauty of a full moon on a snowy orchard. We cook and consume special goodies, decorate our house, put another log on the fire, and look out the windows at the wonderful, cold, bright light. Sometimes we don't go

out as much as we should. It's freezing, the kids have colds, and the putting on of snowpants, hats, huge mittens and boots seems like a job we can't face just this minute.

We do it, though. We coax the little girls away from their indoor projects, out of their dress-up clothes, into all that padding. We get out once in a while for maintenance, just like the rooster and the hens. Something tells us there's an indoor danger at this time of year. We might just turn into bumps on the sofa. Someone would come to our house in the spring and find us there, immobile, with *Curious George* still open on our laps and little smiles on our faces, gathering dust.

This year, what helps us out the door, rescues us from the little monkey's endless misadventures, is a new and wonderful spirit at our place. She is a Welsh pony, a little bay mare who weighs about 800 lbs. and eats as much hay as both of our goats put together. We swore we would hold off on horses until we won the lottery, but here we are with this pony. She is beautiful, reliable, lively and strong. She was given to us in November, complete with a harness and cart, which can be converted to a sleigh. Recently, for the first time, we put the runners on, tied a bell to the harness, and took a sleigh ride.

I sat with my family, a wool blanket over our knees, while the brave pony churned through the snow, her wonderful surging hindquarters just in front of us, her ears flicking back for conversation. Around and around the meadow we went, with the snow flying and the little Christmas bell beating out the rhythm of her hooves. She extended herself in a fast, powerful trot. Except for the bell, the sleigh was very quiet as we flew around and around. I know how I looked. I'd never been on a sleigh ride before. I'd almost not gone on this one, almost stayed in the house to have another cup of tea and sit down somewhere. Instead, I was in a dream, an adventure. It was like flying, like dreaming, like heaven, and I could feel the wind and bright light on my face, my gone-to-heaven face.

We've got this pony of the angels. She swoops around the field, bravely carrying us to the solstice, out of the dark of our indoor winter lives. Look at her and you can see how much she loves it, wants to run, wants to *do* something. What she's got she gives to us, helps us get through this disquieting, dangerous time. We are creatures of the sun, we need it, just like our hens. I know they will make it through on squash seeds and minor drama, and we will have the help of our pony.

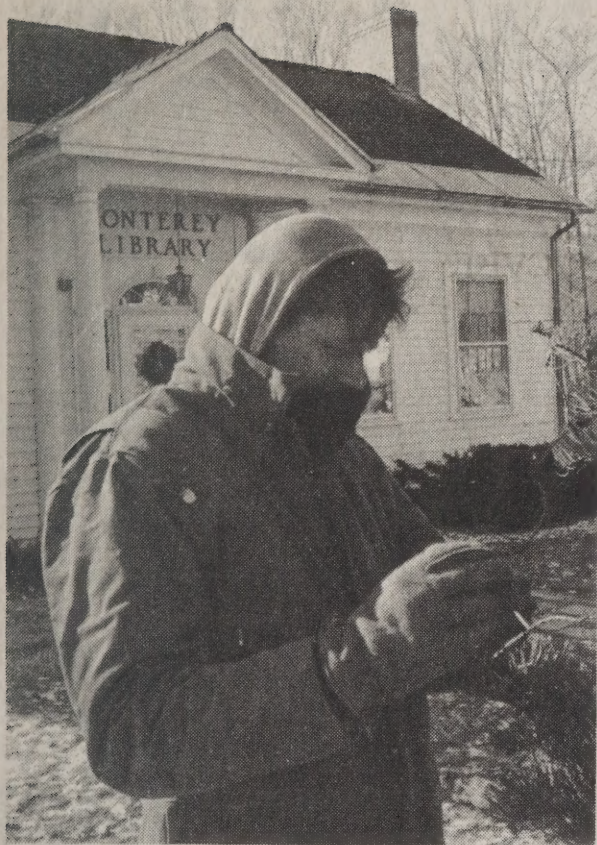
— Bonner J. McAllester

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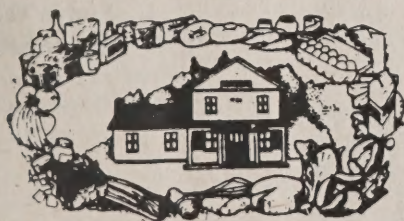
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Mark Makuc puts the lights on the Town tree, the gift of Anne and Henry Makuc in memory of their son, Stephen Andrew, who died on December 18, 1968.

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PERSONAL NOTES

Hearty congratulations to **Thomas Christopher** and **Suzanne O'Connell** on the birth of their first child, a son. **Matthew Gloyd** was born on December 2, weighing in at 8 lbs. 15 oz. Congratulations also to **Gige O'Connell**, who has been to Middletown, Connecticut, to dote on her little grandson with great pleasure. Hats off to Tom also, whose book, *In Search of Antique Roses*, was reviewed in the *Sunday New York Times* in December, both in the *Book Review* and in the *Garden* section!

Our best wishes to **Jonathan Kargman** and **Robin Pearl**, both of NYC, who have announced their engagement. Robin is the daughter of **Bud** and **Shirley Pearl** of Bidwell Road.

And congratulations to **Anne Smith-Tyman** and her husband **Dorr** of Hendersonville, Tennessee, on the arrival of a son, **Evan Kelsey**. Anne is a long-time summer resident of Lake Garfield. Congratulations also to **Randy** and **Adrian Gelbard** on the birth of their daughter, **Lauren Melissa Gelbard**, on November 13, 1989. The proud grandparents are **Estelle** and **Paul Gelbard** of Lake Garfield. Lauren weighed in at 6 lb., 14 oz. Mother and baby are doing well—the father is holding up, too.

Christmas came early for **Natasha Grotz**! Tasha was accepted Early Decision at Dartmouth College, her first choice, and she couldn't be happier. Tasha is now at Waterville Valley Academy in New Hampshire and plans to enter Dartmouth in the fall. Congratulations, Tasha!

Welcome back to **David Bach** of Hupi Road, who has returned from an interesting trip to Germany and Switzerland.

Our heartfelt best wishes to **Robert Hardisty**, part-time member of the Monterey Police Force for 29 years, on his retirement. For the past few years, Bob could be seen every morning and afternoon in the town center seeing to it that the schoolchildren got safely on and off their buses.

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Jan Lanoue** and her family. Jan is at Fairview Hospital following a serious automobile accident. We're all thinking of you!

Our hats off to those Monterey students named to Mt. Everett's Honor Roll list for the first quarter. In *Gr. 12, High Honors*: **Natasha Grotz** and **Anne Marie Makuc**; *Gr. 11, High Honors*: **William Thieriot**; and in *Gr. 9, Honors*: **Chris Burkhart** and **Marta Makuc**. Students on the seventh and eighth grade list include: *Gr. 8, High Honors*: **Benjamin Rood**, **Erin Sadlowski** and **Meghan Sadlowski**, and *Honors*: **Rachel Rodgers** and **Gabe Small** and *Gr. 7: High Honors*: **Paul Makuc** and **Erin Piretti**. It's truly a pleasure to see so many Monterey names on the list—keep up the good work, all of you!

Very Happy Birthday wishes to **Stefan Grotz** on December 1, to **Elizabeth Deloy** on December 5, to **Michael Mielke**, 11 years old on December 8, to **Tasha Grotz** on December 12, to **Morgan Clawson** on December 20, and to **Donnie Amstead** and **Hedy Craven** on Christmas Day.

Joy and Peace in the new year ahead. I hope to hear from you, and please jot down any little news and drop it at the General Store or in the mail to me, Route 23, or give me a call at 528-4519 evenings. I appreciate it!

— Stephanie Grotz



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Robert Hardisty is presented with an honorary badge on his retirement from the police force, by Chief Doug Lyman

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Monterey residents and Town officials are invited to attend the January 18 School Committee meeting which will be held here in Monterey at the Town Hall at 7:30 p.m.

We invite you to express your views on any subject associated with the schools, such as school and community substance abuse, partnership, the 1990-1991 budget planning, progress on the new building, the modernization project. Any other agenda items or concerns are welcome.

One subject scheduled is a presentation of the foreign language program.

We hope you will make every effort to come!

— Evelyn Vallianos
for the School Committee

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Leonard Weber

If you don't all know Leonard Weber, you certainly know his work. A highly regarded painter and the owner of the Hayloft Gallery here in Monterey, Mr. Weber is perhaps most well known for his magnificent watercolor townscapes of Monterey, Stockbridge, and Hancock Shaker Village, among many others.

Originally from New York City, Mr. Weber started painting very early. He received his training from age 9 to 12, free of charge, by submitting some of his sketches to the "Educational Alliance" on Lower Broadway on the East Side of Manhattan. Those were highly formative years for him. "By 12 I could draw as well as I can now!" He supported himself by doing portrait commissions and by teaching art to children.

By about 1955, however, he remembers, "New York City began getting on my nerves. It was too hectic, too oppressive, the pace was too much and the air was vile. Basically, it lacked beauty." In 1957 he went to Italy to paint and in 1958 married his wife, Cynthia.

In 1959 he had an opportunity to teach art in Pittsfield and took it. That's when he landed in Monterey, 30 years ago. When they first arrived here, he and Cynthia rented a barn that is now where the parking lot for Brookbend condos is. "We both fell head over heels in love with Monterey."

Leonard Weber started teaching at the Rensselaer County Council for the Arts in Troy and at SUNY. He found teaching very rewarding. "The desire to paint has to come first, along with the motivation. Talent alone is not enough. Many students have surprised me. As soon as their motivation to paint kicks in, their work has improved dramatically." Mr. Weber has had his work exhibited in the Berkshire Museum, the Schenectady Museum, and numerous private and group shows. In the last five years, due to his flourishing print business, he has not found the time to teach.

He bought what is now the Hayloft Gallery back in 1965 to show his paintings. It was, back then, a service station with two pumps and a store. When you visit the Hayloft you will see many of Mr. Weber's earlier works, including quite a few paintings of old barns. "I love painting barns," he says, "they're like old soldiers that talk to us from the 19th century. The more decrepit and ancient they are, the more interesting."

Over the last seven to eight years Mr. Weber has been painting his townscapes "documenting many cities, towns, and villages. I've done 18 so far, though I hope ultimately to complete about 150." In fact, he just spent a month on location in Pittsburgh doing a commissioned townscape. "I spent the first ten days just looking at the buildings and trying to decide exactly how to capture the essentials of this community. I did lots of sketching and ended up compressing it to include 95 of the most recognizable buildings. Other townscape possibilities Mr. Weber is considering are St. Augustine and Key West, Florida.

In his "non-painting hours," Mr. Weber enjoys music, opera, running in the woods, socializing, and playing chess with his son Jason, who, he proudly adds, "just made Honors at BCC."



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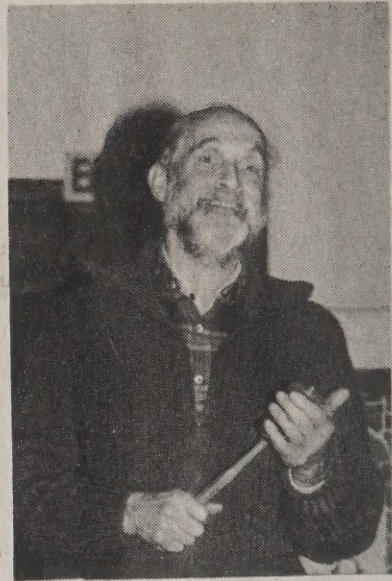
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Cliff Aerie, with Chris Bakriges on keyboard, leads the caroling before the tree given by Karen and Peter Schulze



David McAllester sings a Navajo carol



The Robbins-Zust Marionette Masters introduce Jack, of the Beanstalk



The Monterey kindergarten recites "Mr. Willoughby's Christmas"

The Fire Company Christmas Party

December 22, 1989

Photographs by Susan McAllester



Michael Marcus gives the readings while Melissa and Quincy Moore light the Chanukah candles



Refreshments



David Parrett and Jan Thieme lead an Iroquois dance

SNOWBIRDS

*When the heavy snow is falling
and there is silence all around,
And you are there in the snow storm
your only vision is the ground*

*You are lost in the swirling whiteness,
and you feel so all alone,
Not a thing there to guide you
no fence post, tree, or stone.*

*Then, out of the ghostly heavens,
you hear a peeping sound
Then you see the darker snow flakes,
the little snowbirds all around.*

— Sheldon Fenn
from *Woodburn Farm*



SO MUCH TO THINK ABOUT

*So much to think about,
So many things to do,
I wish that I weren't only one
But rather three—or two.*

— Sue Moody



THE EMBER OF OUR LOVE

*The ember of our love
is burning in our heart.
The everlasting fire
does not need a chart.*

*In all kinds of weather
it burns in calm and storm.
The fire does not flicker;
the steady light is born.*

*The ember of our love
is burning in our heart.
The two of us, together,
and yet, we are apart.*

— Ann M. LaVallee



A DAY OF LIFE

*If there was here or there a day
When we forgot our fears,
And saw the quiet of the dawn
Burst into being
And go soaring out into that vast
abyss of sky
And roll with thunder down into
The chasm of the night—
Then on that day we lived,
That was our life,
Each moment of it an eternity.*

— Earle Stafford
from *The Meadowlark Sang Long Ago*,
Sunhouse Press, Santa Cruz, 1989



NARRAGANSETT BAY

*A cormorant launches away through the air
From his perch on a rotting post.
The heeled over hulk of a great ship
Rests quietly on the bottom, slowly subsiding.
Great tanks and derricks line the farther shore.
The sun gleams on the heaving broad water;
Lines of old pilings stand in the shallows
Beyond the still derelict, and beyond them
Is moored a tanker, big as a peninsula.*

*Massasoit, despairing on Monchaup,
You were not subservient to the imperious strangers,
Only prescient: your sons would die,
One to the agony of a sickness unknown,
The other in the tragedy of a scattered people.
All this great bay would change—
The endless marshes, the waterfowl in their thousands,
All but gone, the waters once teeming, now slick with oil,
The forested slopes now covered with square buildings,
Great and small, beautiful and ugly. . . .*

*A gull takes the cormorant's place,
Remains, huddled in the wind.
Behind us is the thunder of Rt. 195, East & West.*

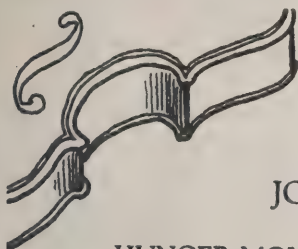
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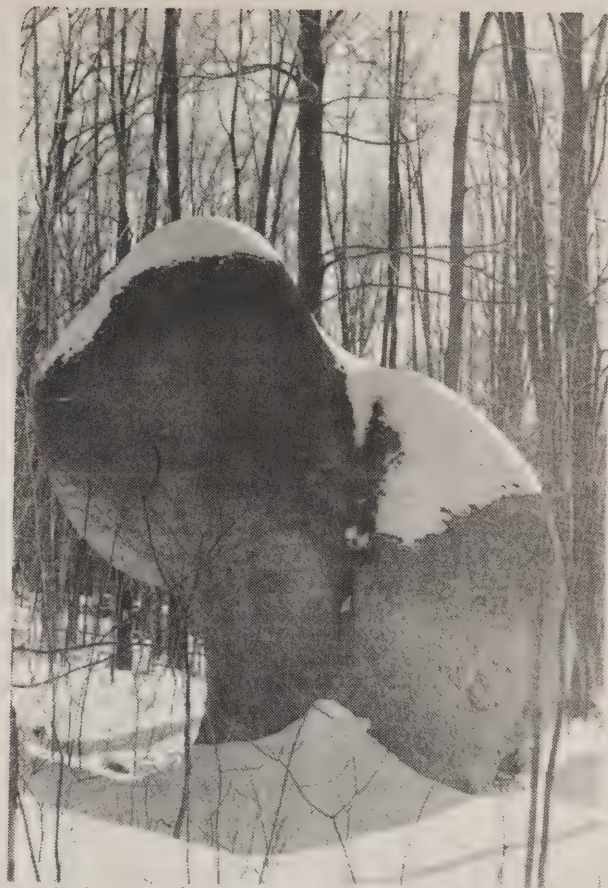
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WINTER IN MONTEREY'S SWANN FOREST — 1921

During our very first winter at the Forest, Dad taught us to read the daily headlines in the snow. It was fun to take a walk after a storm and find out the news of our animal neighbors. We soon came to recognize the "Y" or lobster-shaped track of rabbits, the two front marks made by their bigger hind feet. The large rabbit tracks were laid down by great northern white hares, or snowshoe rabbits—when frightened, they fled away like the rabbit ghosts they resembled.

Similar in outline, but smaller and showing the marks of their longer toenails, were squirrel tracks. The little succession of tridents were the footprints of grouse.

Very frequent were the dainty cloven hoofmarks of deer, and in deep snow we could see the additional lighter impression of the hock just back of the hoof. Sometimes we came across the neat, round tracks of a fox, each foot set squarely before the other and equidistant, so that every step looked like a large bead on a necklace. Rarely, we saw the larger, similarly well-set-down track of a wildcat. Then there were the tiny trails of mice, which seemed to have been made by some leaking vessel dripping on the snow. Henry David Thoreau vividly describes these tracks, calling them, "The fine print, the small type of the meadow mouse." More rare, as they hibernate in winter, were the cute, human tracks of a raccoon, looking as if made by a baby's hand.

Occasionally we came across a whole article telling the story of a woodland tragedy. A fox track meeting with that of a rabbit, an area churned up with patches of fur and perhaps drops of blood. Or again, just a feather or two where an owl had done his swift and deadly work. Once, near a squirrel track, we found the impress of an owl or hawk's extended wing in the snow, and a dent where his swooping body had plunged in. Apparently he missed, as there was no sign of a struggle, but the attempted kill was fully legible.

— from Evalyn Stafford's *Heaven Lies About Us*,
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CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM

A video lending library is part of the services of South Berkshire County Parent to Parent Program. Videos addressing concerns of young families are available on loan, free of charge. During the cold winter months, families may be interested in learning more about child rearing, prenatal issues, and other family concerns. New videos in the 30-title collection are: "Hey, What About Me?," an upbeat review of ways to help prepare siblings for a new baby and several helpful suggestions of ways siblings can relate to the new baby; "Childbirth: Preparation for Labor and Delivery"; "Breastfeeding Your Baby," prepared by the LaLeche League; "Plan to Get Out Alive," a family fire safety video. A list of videos in the collection is available by contacting Claudette at the Children's Health Program, 528-9311.

The South Berkshire Welfare Advocacy Project has created a sub-committee to study the possibility of establishing a small mobile home park in South Berkshire County. This is in answer to a need for truly affordable housing, for South County families who live and work and want to retire here. We are seeking interested community people who would like to join the committee. Please join us at our next meeting, January 23, 3 p.m. at the Children's Health Program. For more information, please call Claudette at 528-9311. Claudette is currently collecting information about homeless people and their needs for Project Home. Information will be kept confidential. Anyone interested in contributing his or her experiences is welcomed to call Claudette.

— Claudette Callahan

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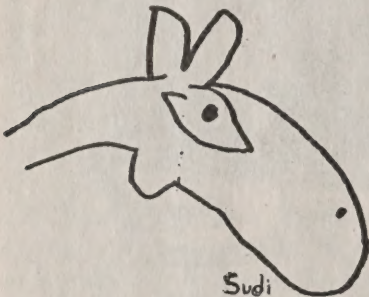
The Planning Board began its regular meeting at 8 p.m. on December 14 with Joyce Scheffey, Barbara Tryon, Joe Baker and Wayne Burkhart attending. Barbara Tryon submitted the end-of-the-year report for the Board to be included in the annual Town Report.

Rick Mielke had two Form A lots approved for his property on Carrington-Batelle Road.

The Planning Board discussed applying for a grant from the Center for Rural Massachusetts to investigate some of the development alternatives for Monterey. Congressman Silvio Conte requested Federal funds for the Berkshire County Land Use Commission to divide between the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission and the Center for Rural Massachusetts in order to explore development trends and possibilities on a county-wide basis. The Monterey Planning Board is hoping to become one of the towns in the study.

The Board discussed some recycling plans of its own; zoning proposals, that is. Board members are considering bringing some of last year's zoning proposals before the Town again in May of 1990. They would like the opportunity to discuss some of the issues and perhaps more fully address questions and concerns of some of the citizens. It is as yet undecided which of the proposals will be chosen.

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RE-ASSESSMENT INSPECTIONS

The Board of Assessors has engaged Patriot Properties, Inc., a state-approved evaluation company, to assist in the certification process for revaluation of the entire town for fiscal year 1991. The first step in the revaluation is property inspections. This year, on account of the regulations of the Department of Revenue, not only are exterior measurements of each building required, but so also are interior inspections, so that valuations are more knowledgeably made and taxes are more equitably apportioned.

Interior inspections are to be made of at least 90% of all buildings. The Board will attempt to coordinate a plan of inspections in the coming months. Full cooperation of all residents will be beneficial to everyone and will help us to get next year's tax bills out on time.

We thank you in advance.

— Peter S. Vallianos, Chairman
Board of Assessors

FROM THE SELECTMEN

To continue the encouragement of citizen awareness and involvement, the School Committee of the Southern Berkshire Regional School District wishes to hold at least one regular School Committee meeting in each of the member towns, as was done last year.

The Board of Selectmen announces that the School Committee will meet at the Monterey Town Hall on Thursday, January 18, 1990, at 7:30 p.m.

All interested townspeople are encouraged to attend.

— The Board of Selectmen

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ANN J. EGGERS

Ann J. Eggers, 69, of Winter Way, died at home November 26.

She was the youngest child of the late John H. and Mary Elizabeth Hawkins Eggers and was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay area, where she attended the University of California at Berkeley.

She was for several years executive secretary to the president of the Ford Foundation and, later, to the president of the Christopher D. Smithers Foundation, where she was made a lifetime honorary director. In recent years, she became a massage therapist and teacher and a facilitator of the Guided Imagery and Music process. She was a minister in the Church of Christ Consciousness in New Marlborough.

She leaves a brother, Thomas Eggers of Walton Beach, Florida.

The funeral was December 9 at the Monterey Congregational Church.

MONTEREY GRANGE

The December meeting of Monterey Grange No. 291 had to be cancelled due to septic tank problems. A special meeting was held at the Lecturer's house where nine members packed eighteen cheer boxes for shut-ins. The youth group were in charge of refreshments. The Grange wants to thank all who helped.

The Grange will assist the Fire Department with the Christmas Party. We will not meet again until January 15, 1990. Happy Holiday!

— Mary Wallace
Lecturer

CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 10—Community Supper in the church social room at 6:30 p.m. Milly Walsh will provide a pancake supper and syrup. Bring any desserts or salads.

Saturday, January 13—SQUARE and CONTRA DANCE, New England-style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30-11:30 p.m. Beginners and children welcome. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Adults, \$4; children, \$1 to dance until intermission. Information: 413-528-9385 or 518-329-7578.

Tuesday, January 16—Recycling hotline opens, for specific or general questions about recycling. The number is 1-800-362-4400. The hotline will continue until at least mid-May.

Thursday, January 18—The School Committee will meet in the Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome, and the Committee will address any concerns presented from the floor.

Saturday, January 27—SQUARE and CONTRA DANCE, New England-style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30-11:30 p.m. This program is for people who have done it before. Joe Baker calling, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Admission: \$4. Information: 413-528-9385 or 518-329-7578.



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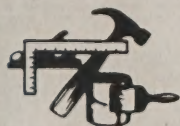
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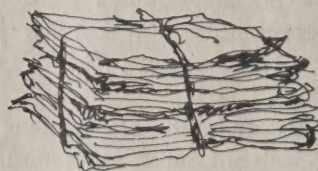
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